

Honorary Fellow

Mr David Hui Yip-wing

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Pro-Chancellor, Deputy Chairman of the Council and President:

Mr David Hui Yip-wing is a most accomplished all-round business leader well known to the people of Hong Kong. Throughout his illustrious career, Mr Hui has assumed top leadership positions in a diverse spectrum of industries ranging from finance to fashion and property development. Mr Hui is currently the Group General Manager and Director of Chinachem Group, whose core business spans property development, finance, insurance, entertainment, information technology and retail.

Mr Hui was educated in Hong Kong and the UK. Starting with a professional accounting background in banking, his business acumen soon became apparent and he was invited to advance to general management, in which he further excelled. Over the last two decades, Mr Hui has assumed top management positions such as Vice Chairman and Deputy Managing Director of Fountain Set (Holdings) Ltd, Managing Director of Tian An China Investments Co Ltd, Deputy Chairman of Quality Health Care Asia Ltd, Deputy Chairman & Chief Executive Officer of Sun Hung Kai Financial Ltd, Chairman of Shanghai Allied Cement Ltd, Executive Director of High Fashion International Ltd, and Vice Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Theme International Holdings Ltd.

A long-standing supporter of City University of Hong Kong, Mr Hui started his association with the University as a part-time student in the Master of Laws programme in Chinese and Comparative Law back in 1999, at which time he was already an accomplished business leader. As his business was increasingly investing in Hong Kong and mainland China at that time, Mr Hui thought that acquiring comparative legal knowledge about the two jurisdictions would be of great use to him and his business. CityU happened to offer the right programme. Enjoying immensely his experience as a part-time student, Mr Hui has since developed a keen sense of belonging to the University.

Upon graduation from the Master of Laws programme and despite his very busy business schedule, Mr Hui took up the Chairmanship of the School of Law's Alumni Association, which he continues to sponsor and support today. Mr Hui is also a founding member of CityU's Alumni Giving Club, taking the lead through his personal donations and participation to spread the "care by giving" and "care by serving" culture advocated so much by the CityU alumni community. CityU's Practice Gymnasium 3 in the Sports Complex was named by Mr Hui as "Winling Practice Gymnasium" in 2005 in recognition of his staunch support and generous donations to CityU. This was the first time in the history of the University that a campus facility was named under an alumnus, a yardstick Mr Hui has set for our growing alumni community to follow. Mr Hui is still serving as Advisor to the Board of CityU's Alumni Giving Club. Mr and Mrs Hui are also the patrons of CityU's "BRIDGE to Success" project, donating generously to this multi-faceted educational advancement initiative.

Basketball has been a life-long passion of Mr Hui since his youth. The well-known Winling Basketball Team was established by Mr and Mrs Hui in 1980. The mission of the team is to help young basketball players develop a positive attitude to life and realise the importance of team spirit through sport. Due in no small part to the persistent devotion of Mr Hui, the Winling team has since developed into a top league basketball team in Hong Kong, having won many local championships. Through sport, Mr Hui has inspired generations of Hong Kong youngsters towards success, while advocating a balanced attitude towards a life so often dominated by materialistic pursuits.

Mr Pro-Chancellor, Mr Deputy Chairman of the Council and Mr President, Mr David Hui Yip-wing is an exemplary alumnus of the University. His accomplishments as a business leader are truly outstanding. Over the last decade, Mr Hui has made remarkable contributions to the development of the University as an alumnus and a generous donor. He has shown great support and concern for the continuous development of City University of Hong Kong, of which he is a tireless promoter. I have the great honour of calling upon you to confer on him the award of the title of Honorary Fellow.